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Korea

Geography

- Peninsula juts south from China.
- Low but steep mountains cover 70 percent of Korea.
- Western coastal plains are the major farming region.
- Coastline of 5,400 miles has hundreds of good harbors.
- Its location next to China influenced Korea's development.

Dynasties

- Silla (668–935)
- Koryo (935–1392)
- Choson or Yi (1392–1910)

Belief Systems

- Mahayana Buddhism
- Confucianism

Government

- United with help of Tang China
- Tributary state
- Confucian principles of government modified.
- Restricted role of women
- Civil service examinations for aristocrats only

Invasions

- Han emperor Wudi in 108 B.C.
- Mongols in 1231
- Japanese in 1590s

Arts and Learning

- Arts and learning from China
- Woodblock printing and movable metal type
- Celadon porcelain
- Complex Chinese writing replaced by hangul.
- High literacy rate

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